

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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One of the scribes...asked Him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?"

Jesus replied, "The first is this:  
*'Hear, O Israel! The Lord  
our God is Lord alone!  
You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'*

The second is this:  
*'You shall love your  
neighbor as yourself.'*

There is no other commandment  
greater than these."  
(Mark 12:28-31)

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## MASSES | CONFESSIONS

**Masses—Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

**Sundays** at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

**Monday-Friday Masses:** 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND

YouTube); **Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Masses on Monday, \*Tuesday (\*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.**—(Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

**CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)**-Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday**

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## SACRAMENTS

- **Baptisms:** Register online
- **Weddings:** Register online at least six months in advance
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

# FROM OUR PASTOR

**Happy All Hallows Eve, everyone!** (We tend to say, "Happy Halloween!," but it comes out sounding like "Happy H

l
oween," so maybe if we instead say, "Happy All Hallow's Eve," it will sound closer to what we actually mean.) I am—and I'm sure lots of other people are—praying for everyone's safety and protection and JOY tonight, especially the children!!!

I would like to draw your attention to our annual **All Souls' Requiem Mass on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.** Here is hoping and praying that you will be able to join us for this beautiful tradition at St. Therese Church. Beautiful will indeed save the world—and ALL those waiting in Purgatory for help from us. **Thank you ahead of time to Paula Grimm and the Choir for the beautiful music at the All Saints and All Souls Masses!!!**

Also, notice the **invitation at the bottom of the next page regarding the 3:45 p.m. Christ the King Party in the Guadalupe Courtyard** (enter on the parking lot side by the Adoation Chapel), following the 1:00 p.m., Traditional Latin Mass. **Thank you, Aidan Mussoulli, and all of the young adult groups in our area, for organizing this festive event!!!** And thank You, Heavenly Father, for having it coincide with October 31st, so that we can enjoy a Halloween party at the same time!

Finally, we **Carmelite Friars will be having a workshop from November 9 through 11** at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. **So, there will be NO TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY EVENING Masses at 7:00 p.m. that week** (we will offer the scheduled intentions at our retreat house chapel).

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** (to help us do ALL of our Purgatory in this life, so that we can go straight into the bosom of the Trinity as soon as we leave this world!): **"Your love for God is measured by how much you love the person that most bothers you"** (heard at the Encounter Conference at St. Phillip's in Pasadena.) **Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, Fr. Thomas**

**Pause to hear God speak...**  
"See to it that no one be deprived of the grace of God, that no bitter root spring up and cause trouble, through which many may become defiled" (Hebrews 12:15).

### Here is a reflection about healing from bitterness:

**Today, I choose to fast from the sin of bitterness.** When you eat a bitter food, it often leaves a sour look on your face. Emotional bitterness has the same effect on our insides. It poisons our hearts and gives life an "unpalatable" taste. We can be bitter toward others as well as toward ourselves. In both cases, bitterness has one outcome: destruction. If we are routinely sarcastic, harsh, and hostile, we should check for bitterness. If we constantly criticize the failings or shortcomings of ourselves or others, bitterness probably has a hold in our lives. The Scriptures refer to bitterness as a root, meaning that it is unseen. When we allow bitterness to take root in our lives, we often blame those around us for our circumstances, rather than take responsibility for the way we handle them. As we reflect today, let's expose this bitter root.

**"Love alone makes heavy burdens light and bears in equal balance things pleasing and displeasing. Love bears a heavy burden and does not feel it, and love makes bitter things tasteful and sweet."**  
~Thomas a Kempis

**Take time to ask yourself...**

### Pray slowly...

Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce bitterness in my life and repent all the ways I have sinned because of it. I reject every form of bitterness in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me, and I forgive myself for my bitter heart and actions. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any bitter thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

**Who am I bitter towards (sarcastic, hostile, harsh)?  
What in my life has feelings of bitterness attached to it?**

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

# IS PURGATORY A "DEAD" ISSUE?

From a Pamphlet Written by  
Fr. John Hampsch, CMF



Purgatory is seldom mentioned anymore in sermons and articles, except by way of denial of its very existence by non-Catholics. Is it true that Purgatory is not mentioned in Scripture? If so, how could it have been taught by the Catholic Church for 20 centuries, especially since the Catholic Church also teaches that Jesus died to take away all our sins? Some Catholic writers and preachers downplay the emphasis on the doctrine of Purgatory (perhaps as a diluted attempt to be ecumenical). Yet, ironically, the doctrine of Purgatory itself is becoming accepted by more and more non-Catholic theologians, especially in Germany, Denmark, and England. These are returning to the concept of Purgatory as a "post-death purification," a teaching held by the Jews from the time of the Captivity, six centuries before Christ. These non-Catholic theologians are also coming to approve intercessory prayer for the dead, commonly practiced a century before Christ (II Maccabees 12:43-46), as well as commonly accepted by Jesus' fellow Jews in His day, as Josephus wrote in 70 A.D. (The "Kaddish," or Jewish prayer for the dead, used from the first century, appeared to be based on Malachi 4:3 and Psalm 49:14-15. Perhaps it was in that context that St. Paul prayed for the deceased Onesiphorus [II Tim. 1:16-18]).

In a cemetery in Ohio there is a tombstone with a classical epitaph that reads: "Too Bad for Heaven, Too Good for Hell; Where he went I cannot tell." In a facetious way, that simple epitaph provides a framework for the answer to the Purgatory question. "Too Bad for Heaven," is another way of saying what Scripture says in Revelation 21:27, namely, that nothing defiled can enter Heaven. The phrase "Too Good for Hell" reaffirms the assertion of I John 5:16-17 that, "all wrongdoing is sin, and yet not all sin leads to (spiritual) death."

Such non-damning sins on one's soul, unrepented of at the time of death, need to be "purged" by some purgatorial cleansing after death. Any soul thus "defiled" must become "undefiled" to enter Heaven, as required by Revelation 21:27. For instance, a dying person who does not totally and lovingly accept death-bed suffering and the consequent death as God's will, would have some degree of "defilement" because of that non-conformity with God's will. That sin or fault would have to be purged before that soul could enter the awesome presence of the all-holy Godhead. Also, deep-seated habits or thought patterns reflecting insensitivity to sin, like impatience, habits of gossip, resentment, etc., need to be purified. Thus, Purgatory is a school of relearning, in which souls are fully trained in the ways of God that they neglected to learn during life. And, incidental to this spiritual training, there is suffering, for "suffering is a part of training" (Heb. 12:7). There are many hints also in the Old Testament about this "escape" or "release" of the dead from some kind of bondage. To quote only a few: "From the sovereign Lord comes escape (release) from Sheol—the place of the dead (Ps. 68:20). Psalm 56:13 says: "You have delivered (released) my soul from Sheol (the abode of the dead)...that I may walk before God in the light of life." This thought is reasserted in 1 Samuel 2:6, in a quote from Hanna's song: "The Lord brings the soul down to Sheol, the abode of the dead, and brings it up" (releases it). Yet, no release is required for those who die in true holiness: "Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death" (Is. 57:2). **(This article will continue in next week's bulletin).**

**CHRIST THE KING!**

**ALL ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN US!**

**OCT. 31 At St Therese  
Catholic Church**

**3:45PM Party in the  
Guadalupe Gardens!**

**Fellowship, Pizza,  
Games, FUN  
\$10 Donation  
Suggested**

## ALL HALLOW'S EVE CHRIST THE KING PARTY

Join us in the Guadalupe Courtyard (of the Parish Offices) for this celebration following today's (October 31st) celebration of the 1:00 p.m. Latin Mass (beginning at about 3:45 p.m.). For a suggested \$10 donation, enjoy fellowship, pizza, games, and more! (Enter on the parking lot side of the church—near the Adoration Chapel.)

# SCHOOL CORNER

Our **JOG-A-THON** is **THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, in the parking lot. **SPONSOR-A-FRIAR!** To make a pledge for one or more of the friars, go to the home page of our website and fill out the form or pick up a form from the office!



**Get your kids out of the public schools!** Watch the bulletin for **flyers explaining the new diocesan \$50 million financial assistance for new families.** Our school has openings in most grade levels from TK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; we will gladly give you a personalized tour! The classical curriculum, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Carmelites present and active in our classrooms, weekly Masses, confessions, and a strong religion program are some of the attributes that make our school special. We are blessed to have faculty members who are all knowledgeable in classical education and who all love and actively practice their faith.

jog-a-thon

**SAVE THE DATES FOR: 1) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION on December 11 AND our 2) POKER NIGHT on February 25.**

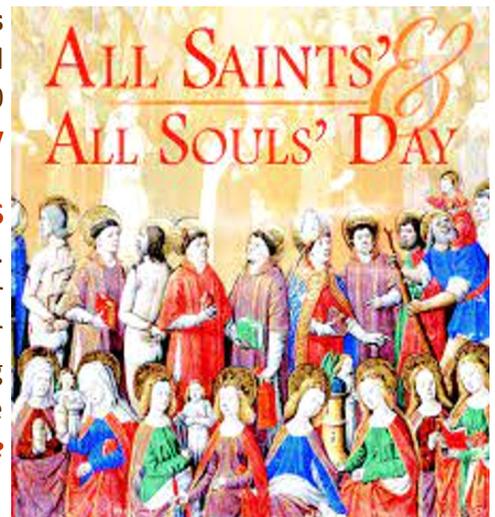
## ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

**On All Souls' Day, the names of every parishioner who died since November of 2020 will be included in a sung litany.**

To add the names of your loved ones who died since November 2020, please email choir member Christine Pleuss at pleussc@gmail.com.

The Feast of **All Saints Day** is **Monday, November 1**; the Feast of **All Souls Day** is **Tuesday, November 2**. All Saints Day is normally a Holy Day of Obligation (to attend Mass); however, because it falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend—but NOT the privilege!—has been abrogated by the Archdiocese of L.A. However, you are encouraged to attend Mass those days to honor the saints and to pray for the repose of the souls still in Purgatory—as well as to seek their holy intercession.

**Paula Grimm, our Music Director, has put together a special lineup of beautiful music for these two Masses—both at 7:00 p.m. Please note that the Mass on Tuesday will NOT BE IN SPANISH but in English.**

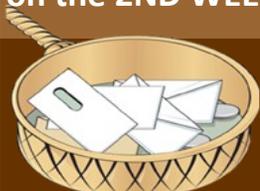


We will celebrate a **NOVENA OF MASSES**

**from November 3 through November 11** for all those whom you enroll. To do so, pick up one of the ALL SOULS envelopes from the pews or from the packet mailed to your home (or use any blank envelope), enter the names of your deceased loved ones, and return it with an offering by dropping it in the collection basket or bringing it to the office (there is a mail slot to the right of the office door). *“May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”*

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



October 23 / 24, 2021  
 Unrestricted..... \$14,340.00  
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 October 9 / 10.....\$25,630.00  
 October 16 / 17.....\$11,603.00

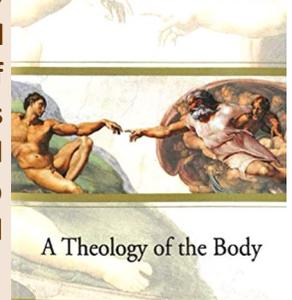
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# THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES

JOHN PAUL II

Man and Woman  
He Created Them

Everyone is invited to join us to learn more about St. John Paul's *Theology of the Body* by attending this series, facilitated by Fr. Thomas. We meet on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Fridays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard of the Parish Offices (next dates are November 12 and 26). Included in the series is audio, video, and Power Point presentations, as well as discussion and prayer. Feel free to bring food and/or drinks to share! For those who would prefer, you are also welcome to join us **VIA ZOOM**. The Personal Meeting ID Number is 846 381 4560 and the Passcode is yaCsG6.



## CELEBRATE WITH OUR CARMELITE NUNS!

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to attend Mass at the Carmel (**215 East Alhambra Road**) at **10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, November 17,** followed by a reception on the front lawn of the Monastery.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE—September 22 - October 31:** Help save lives! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has saved 18,855 babies from abortion...221 abortion workers have been converted, and... 112 abortion centers have been closed. Today is the final day of the 40 Days for Life! Join us outside the Planned "Parenthood" on **1045 West Lake Avenue, Pasadena,** anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., to pray for an end to abortion and for those whom we see enter the building. **For more info, contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is **street parking only**, so try to carpool. Wear low-heeled shoes for comfort and safety on the grass (in the event of rain, the event will be cancelled).

**RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:** "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, who experienced the world's rejection."

-Pope Francis



## LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR

As we near the end of the liturgical year, we are listening to Gospel readings from the final stage of Jesus' ministry—His teaching in Jerusalem. This Sunday, Jesus is in conversation with one of the scribes of the temple. In a rare occurrence, Jesus and the scribe agree on the two greatest commandments—to "love God with all your being and to love your neighbor as yourself." In today's selection from Deuteronomy, Moses gives this teaching to the Israelites as the core of their life of faith and prayer, and Psalm 18 echoes this prayer with the words, "I love you, O LORD, my strength" (Psalm 18:2). Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

# THE REAL ST. THERESE

A continuing bulletin feature, excerpted  
from *The Passion of St. Therese of Lisieux*  
by Bishop Guy Gaucher (Issue 9)



**"I am not dying; I am entering life."  
St. Therese (1873—1897)**

**St. Therese and the Early Symptoms of Her Disease:** Let us examine the documents which mention explicitly Therese's health during the three-year period. From 1894 to 1897. The climate of Lisieux, and in particular that of the Carmel, situated on the banks of the Orbiquet River, was hardly suitable for a young adolescent who had a rather weak throat, was subject to winter colds, and who had suffered earlier from "difficulty in breathing." To an unfavorable geographical position must be added the very strict regime of the Carmelite life at the end of the 19th century: the continual cold that made Therese suffer, "even to the point of dying from it," as well as the poor food, the prolonged fasts, and her lack of sleep—all conditions not helpful to the physical growth of a young girl between fifteen and twenty. Nevertheless, during the severe "flu epidemic" of the winter of 1891-1892, which claimed the lives of three sisters in the community,

Therese—in the strength of her seventeen years—was almost the only one left on her feet to carry out the most arduous tasks.

It was only in June 1894, when Therese was twenty-one and a half, that we have the first evidence that she was given medical treatment. It is possible that she had been sick before this date, as many complaints can pass unnoticed by others. "She had a weak throat and often suffered from it," Mother Agnes noted in 1909. "At Carmel they are waiting to see **Dr. Francis La Neele** (Therese's cousin Jeanne's husband) to ask his opinion about Therese's continual sore throat, huskiness, and chest problems. They would like Francis to examine her, but that could be rather difficult because of Dr. de Corniere..." These lines of her cousin Marie Guerin, written to her sister, Jeanne, on June 28, 1894, introduce us to the two doctors who cared for Therese during her last illness. Dr. de Corniere, who was the Carmel's official physician, was fifty-six and had given his services free to the nuns since 1886. He was a friend of Mother Marie de Gonzague and the Guerin family and had known Therese for a long time. He would hardly have been in favor of her entering the monastery. It is easily understandable that, when Dr. La Neele, thirty-six, came to the parlor to visit his cousins by marriage, the temptation was great to ask him to look at Therese—since her sister, Mother Agnes, was prioress—to ask him to look at Therese. But the Martin sisters did not want to provoke any "awkward situations."

In June of 1894, Celine, who was soon to join her sisters in Carmel, was again concerned: "Above all, take good care of yourself," she wrote to Therese, "it is a moral obligation." The next day she received a somewhat ambiguous reply back from Therese: **"But above all, do not be alarmed, I am not ill; as a matter of fact, I have iron-clad health, though the good God can break iron like clay."** Why this last phrase? Did Therese have a premonition of an early death? Celine must have pondered on the meaning of these sibylline words: **"Jesus will take one of us,"** which she had read a few lines before. Mother Agnes in her turn told Celine: "Sister Therese of the Child Jesus is no worse, but she is still subject to sore throats which flare up in the morning, and again about 8:30 p.m., when her voice becomes husky. We are doing our best to care for her." Celine was sent to help in the infirmary shortly after she entered Carmel on September 14, 1894. According to her own account, she cauterized Therese's throat with silver nitrate.

In October, Marie Guerin expressed the concern of the family, and especially of her father, Isadore Guerin, who was a pharmacist, in writing about Therese: "I hope my little Therese takes care of herself. Yesterday I found her voice noticeably changed. I have spoken to Francis about her. It is absolutely necessary for her to look after herself properly. At present, it is nothing serious, but it could become so at any time and then there would no longer be any cure to help her. She can very well get better now, if she takes constant care of herself. She needs, above all, frequent gargles. My little Therese must obey the doctor's instructions. Francis specializes in these diseases. He cured Mdme. Ferouille of a very serious complaint, and he will also cure my little Therese. PS... Papa insists that Therese be well cared for. When I spoke to him of her, he seemed worried."

The year 1895 seemed to bring an improvement, as Therese's health is not mentioned in the documents. However, there is another significant indication in something said to Sister Therese about St. Augustine. Therese recalled it in these words: **"I am going to die soon."** When Sister Therese said that, she was enjoying perfect health! According to this witness, Therese said that she was going to die **"not in a few months, but in two or three years."** But we do not know if her health was as "perfect" as it outwardly appeared.

**(This subject continued next week)**

# Mass Intentions

October 30—November 6, 2021

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Placer Velasco, Jr., RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 am: Florence Schroeder, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

11:00 a.m.: Nida Vales Nazareno, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Celso Aquino, INT

5:00 p.m.: Virginia Aquilar, RIP

**Monday—ALL SAINTS' DAY:**

6:00 a.m.: Alex and Lauren Cheah, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen & Family INT

7:00 p.m.: Rita Schenk, RIP

**Tuesday—ALL SOULS' DAY:**

6:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

\*7:30 a.m.: Rudy Aguilar, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Crisanto S. Torres, Sr., RIP

7:00 p.m.: Erick Gilberto Arenas, RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: All Souls' Novena 1

\*7:30 a.m.: Priscilla Vasquez, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carolina F. Torres, RIP

7:00 p.m.: John and Kathy Nally, INT

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: All Souls' Novena 2

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. James Zakowicz, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jose and Julia Munoz & Josefina

Rosales de Hernandez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Judy Matcher, RIP

**First Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Julius Doria, INT

\*7:30 am: Joanne Vu, Birthday Intention

8:00 a.m.: All Souls' Novena 3

7:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

**Saturday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: All Souls' Novena 4

\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite

Chapel, 215 E Alhambra Rd

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mon.-Sat.

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

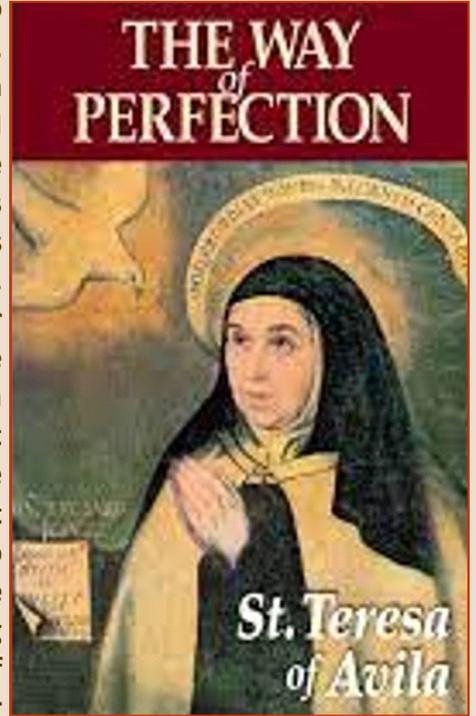
Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

FROM *THE WAY OF PERFECTION*

by St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

Do not do this, Sisters, but be on your guard when the Lord grants you this favor. Consider that you are losing a great treasure and that you do much more by saying one word of the "Our



Father" from time to time, than by rushing through the entire prayer many times.

You are very close to the One you petition; He will not fail to hear you. And believe that herein lies the true praise and hallowing of His name. For now, as one who is in His house, you glorify the Lord and praise Him with more affection and desire; and it seems that you cannot fail to serve Him. [Thus I counsel you to be very careful in this matter because it is extremely important.]

(Chapter 31, Number 13).

## SEEKING . . .

The Pregnancy Help Center of the SGV is seeking APPLICANTS FOR THEIR BOARD! We ask all who support the Mission of the Center to consider joining the Board. If interested, contact Cheryl Alberg at (626) 287-2831 OR caja2@aol.com.

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